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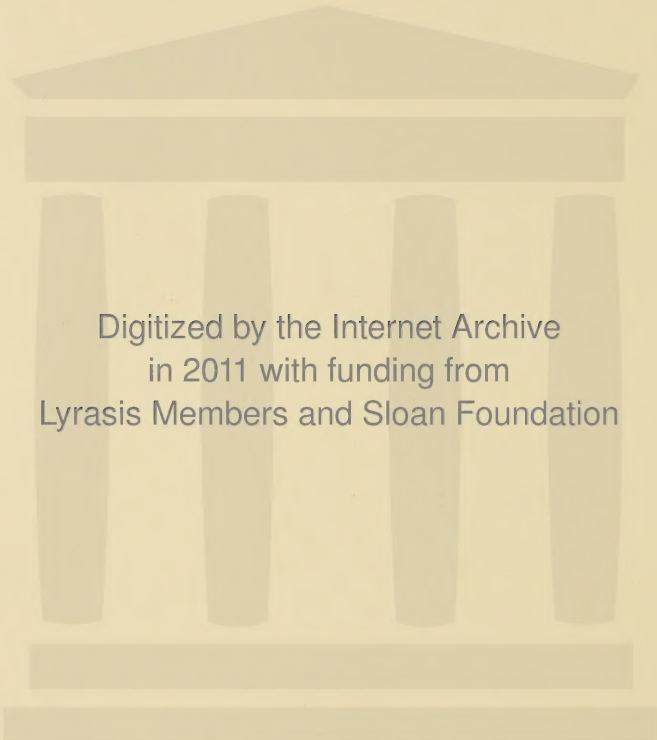
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MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CANAAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD AT

Hebron Meeting-House,

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA.

SATURDAY, 2D, AND MONDAY, 4TH OCTOBER,

1852.

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1852.

1. The delegates to the nineteenth annual session of the Canaan Baptist Association, met at Hebron meeting-house, and repaired to the stand, where the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder A. J. Waldrop, from Rom. viii, 32.

2. The delegates assembled in the meeting-house, and on motion, H. G. Smith took the chair, and organized by singing and prayer.

3. The letters from the several churches were called for, read, and the names of their delegates enrolled.

4. Elder H. G. SMITH was chosen Moderator, A. J. WALDROP Recording, and WM. J. ROCKETT, Corresponding Sec'y.

5. Invited visiting Ministers to seats.

6. Opportunity was afforded for the admission of newly constituted Churches, when "Free Chapel," St. Clair county, came forward, by letter and delegates, and being found orthodox, the delegates were cordially received, by the right hand of fellowship.

7. Correspondence called for—none received. Elder Willis Burns, from the Tuscaloosa Association, arrived at the meeting, but being sick, was unable to attend with us.

8. Committees were appointod—

To Arrange Business—Harris, Rockett, and Timmons, and the Moderator and Clerk.

On Finance—Truss and O. W. Wood.

On Sabbath Schools—Hagood, Heffner, McDonald, Chennault, Burgin and Huey.

On Documents—Rockett, Means and Harris.

9. Correspondence returned—

To *Tuscaloosa* Association—Smith, Waldrop, Hagood and Skelton.

To *Coosa River* Association—Harris, B. W. Hagood, McDonald, and Ellington.

To *Muscle Shoal* Association—Wm. J. Rockett.

To *North River* Association—A. J. Waldrop.

To *Autauga* Association—Harris and Mann.

To *Alabama Baptist State Convention*—Harris, Hagood, E. Wood, Timmons, Burgin, Faulks, Turner, Moor, Acker and Jones.

Agreed to drop Correspondence with the *Mulberry* Association, on account of its failure to be represented in this body for several years.

10. Bros. Wm. McLain from the *Coosa River* Association, and Hughes, from the *Autauga* Association, being present, were cordially received, and the right hand of fellowship given by the Moderator. A bundle of Minutes from the Autauga.

11. Appointed Elders Wm. McLain and A. J. Waldrop to preach on the Sabbath; and bro. Smith (appointed last year,) to preach the Missionary Sermon. On motion, bros. Hagood, Rockett and Wood were appointed to pass through the congregation immediately after the Missionary Sermon, and receive contributions; the same to be applied to Foreign Missions.

12. In consequence of the death of bro. Moor, and the absence of others of the Executive Board, bros. Smith, Truss, Hagood and Timmons were appointed to fill said vacancies.

Adjourned till Monday morning, 8 1-2 o'clock.

SABBATH.

The brethren appointed to occupy the stand, preached—Waldrop in the morning; after which bro. Smith delivered a very appropriaie Missionary Sermon, and a collection of $27 20 was made. Dismissed for dinner; ample arrangements having been made by a number of brethren and friends, tenting on the ground. In the afternoon bro. McLain preached; at the close of his sermon, many came forward for prayer, and we trust much good was done.

Monday, October 4, 1852.

Met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by the Moderator.

13. The committee on Arrangement of Business reported.

14. The roll was called, and Rules of Decorum read.

15. The committee on Sabbath Schools, on Documents, and on Domestic Missions, reported, which were concurred in. It was ordered that six dollars be paid bro. Harris as recommended by the Domestic Missions Board.

16. The committee on Finance reported as follows:

Received from the churches for printing minutes, $28 00*

Rec'd from the churches for Association purposes, 14 45

Which sums were paid the Treasurer; committee discharged.

17. Called for the Circular Letter; none presented.

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* Received Thirteen Dollars for printing 250 copies of these Minutes.
M. D. J. SLADE.

18. Ordered, that our Corresponding Letter be printed in the Minutes.

19. Report of District meetings, viz :

The *First District* will convene with the Beech Grove (now Central) church, commencing Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1853. Bro. J. Byars to preach the introductory sermon ; A. McDonald alternate ; brothers Tally, Hefner, E. P. Wood, Wm. Chenault, Jones, Ellington, Means and Erwin were appointed to write essays, each, on a subject of his own choice ; and bro. J. Byars was appointed to write a general essay, and to choose the subject--all to be read before the next meeting.

The *Second District* will convene with the Good Hope church, commencing Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1853 ; bro. Smith to preach the introductory sermon ; bro. Skelton alternate. Brothers Smith and Acker were appointed to write essays to be read before the meeting.

20. The next Association will be held with the Roop's Valley church, Tuscaloosa county, commencing Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1853 ; H. G. Smith to preach the introductory sermon ; W. C. Harris alternate. A. J. Waldrop to preach the Missionary sermon ; W. C. Harris alternate. Bro. Wm. J. Rockett to write the Circular Letter, on a subject of his own choice ; bro. Baker to write in case of failure.

21. The Association went into committee of the whole, on the subject of Domestic Missions. After discussing many plans,

Resolved, That each member of the Association be now authorized to pledge himself for the amount he is willing to pay into the hands of our Treasurer at the next Association, to aid domestic operations.

One hundred and seven dollars were subscribed immediately. It was then

Further Resolved, That four ministers of this body be appointed to hold protracted meetings where they may think best, to commence about the first of July, and continue to ride as long as the funds will justify. Two ministers in the first, and two in the second district.

An election was held, which resulted in the choice of bros. Smith, McDonald, Harris, and Waldrop, and in case of failure, brother Franklin, who were authorized to use their own discretion, provided they go two and two together. It was ordered that thoy have $1 25 per day, each, while engaged in the service of the Association ; and that they report to the next Association.

22. The all wise God, in his providence, having called from

us, our dear brother MOOR, the former Moderator of this Association,

Resolved, That brethren Waldrop, Rockett, and Burgin be appointed to draft an article in memory of his worth; to be printed with these Minutes.

23. *Resolved*, That we recommend the ministers of this Association to preach at least one sermon to each church they serve as pastor, on "Pastoral Support, and the benefits resulting from Sabbath Schools and Prayer Meetings."

24. Having been informed by the Cahaba church, that the Mount Pleasant church, belonging to the Coosa River Association, had received two members into their fellowship, knowing them to be excluded members from the said Cahaba church: therefore,

Resolved, That brethren Rockett, Turner, and Waldrop be appointad to draw up a remonstrance against the course, and send to the Coosa River Association at its next session.

25. Ordered, that the clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes; and that he have as many copies printed as funds justify, after reserving $15 for his services; that he reserve 100 copies for correspondence: then to distribute the balance among the churches according to their contributions.

26. *Resolved*, That we recommend the delegates of this body to be engaged with their respective churches during the next year, to raise funds for Domestic Missions, and to bring the same to our next session.

27. E. Wood continued Treasurer.

28. Appointed Distributing Agents—for the first district, A. B. Turner; second, A. J. Waldrop.

39. The Association having finished all its business, the Moderator made a few appropriate remarks, a hymn was sung, prayer offered by A. J. Waldrop, and with christian love, the Association adjourned.

H. G. SMITH, Moderator.

A. J. WALDROP, Clerk.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	Names of Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS. Licentiates in italics. DELEGATES,	Baptised	Rec'd by L.	Restored	Dismiss'd	Excluded	Dead	Males.	Females.	Colored members	Total.	Minutes Fund.	Assoc'n Fund.	M. M.
Little Shades, Shelby,	*W Acton*, G. Jones, L. Armstrong	5	2	...	1	1	..	17	17	.....	34	1 00	.....	
Hebron, Jefferson	A. McDONALD, *H. Moor*, M. Pool, D. A. Ellington	1	8	...	8	4	1	.....	.....	.....	111	4 00	1 15	2
Mt. Zion, St. Clair	R. Blythe, A. N. Means, H. Pierson	4	1	1	9	1	..	30	47	7	81	2 00	2 00	
Bethel, do	T. Adkins, Wm. Chennault, T. Chennault	7	...	2	6	..	..	18	32	1	54	1 50	65	
Cahaba, Jefferson	J. BYARS, J. Trues, D. Tally	...	3	1	17	1	1	31	39	18	88	2 50	2 50	
Ruhamah, do	E. Wood, J. Timmons, O. W. Wood, A. B. Turner	4	1	1	12	..	2	47	64	13	124	3 00	1 60	4
Salem, do	Z. Hagood, R. H. Erwin, M. Hagood	2	...	1	2	1	..	17	33	4	54	2 00	.....	2
Central, do	W. C. HARRIS, J. Hefner, J. D. Mann	18	15	...	6	..	..	14	28	.....	42	1 50	1 00	
Free Chapel, St. Clair	B. W. HAGOOD, J. J. Faulks, J. A. Pope	te	ly	co	ns	tit	ut	ed..	.....	.....	8	55	20	
Union, Jefferson	J. Ayres. W. J. Rockett, E. Glenn	..	6	..	9	..	..	17	19	8	44	1 05	1 45	1
Canaan, do	H. G. SMITH	..	1	1	5	..	...	13	23	11	47	1 50	1 00	3
Mud Creek do	R Stone, J. Hammond, W. Stone	3	...	1	...	2	..	11	29	1	41	1 10	.....	4
Rock Creek, do	S. T. Huey, A. M. Waldrop	..	1	...	..	1	1	33	38	5	76	1 50	1 50	3
Big Creek, do	O. FRANKLIN, O. A. Franklin	1	1	...	..	...	..	21	40	5	61	1 00	30	1
Prude's Creek, Tuscaloosa	J. N. Acker, W. Burchfield	13	5	...	3	...	2	19	36	.....	55	1 10	.....	2
Liberty, Jefferson	N. Skelton, A. J. WALDROP, J. H. Williams	2	1	...	2	..	..	18	34	1	53	80	.....	2
Roop's Valley, Tuscaloosa	D. Burgin	...	1	..	11	2	3	.....	.....	6	55	1 50	1 50	2
Good Hope, Walker	John Wood	...	13	..	6	2	...	11	15	.....	26	40	.....	4
		60	59	8	97	15	10	317	484	80	1054	28 00	14 45	

APPENDIX.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration. We find that there are but two regularly organized Sabbath Schools in the bounds of our Association; one at Little Shades church, and one at Rock Creek church. There has been one or two others organized, but not regularly kept up. We recommend our churches to organize a Sabbath School in each church, and keep them up; for we believe that their importance and influence is great. Z. HAGOOD, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Documents.

The committee on Documents ask leave to report—that on an examination of the subject, aided by all the means of information to which we have access, we find that nearly all our sister Associations are greatly in advance of us, in prosecuting the plans of their internal prosperity.

Benevolent institutions are reared, and find (seemingly without effort,) that support necessary to keep them alive.

Let us, in the language of the report of the committee on this subject at our last session, "promote the cause of Sunday Schools, Religious Instruction to the Colored Population, Education, Distribu ion of Denominational Books and Newspapers, Foreign and Domestic Missions," let us encourage the exercise of gifts of every kind, that tends to elevate character, improve morals, and all things that may be made auxiliary to the great Gospel plan of ameliorating the condition of man. All of which we respectfully submit.

WM. J. ROCKETT, Chairman.

The Executive committee beg leave to report, that they met at Hebron church, Saturday evening, October 2d, and organized by calling H. G. Smith to the chair, and A. J. Waldrop Recording Secretary.

Called for the report of Wm. C. Harris, our Domestic Missionary, when he reported six months and twenty three days in the service of the Association.

Received said Report, and ordered our Treasurer (E. Wood) to pay to bro. Harris according to the time in service, and in consequence of his having incurred the amount of six dollars expenses, we recommend the Association to refund the same to him. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. WALDROP, Clerk. H. G. SMITH, Chairman.

Report of Domestic Missionary.

In consequence of bad health, I was only able to ride six months and twenty-four days; during which time, I attended several interesting Protracted Meetings, preached 101 Sermons, delivered 20 exhortations, assisted in the constitution of one church, the ordination of two ministers, and two Deacons, and baptised 18 persons.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. C. HARRIS.

On the Death of the late J. Moor.

Whereas, it has pleased God in his providence to remove from the walks of men, and the sphere of his usefulness, our beloved brother Joseph Moor, (late presiding officer of the Canaan Association)—And whereas, we feel it to be a solemn duty resting upon us, to make a public avowal of our appreciation of his great moral worth as a man, and as a minister of the Gospel.

Be it Resolved, That in the character of our deceased brother were blended the most essential elements which entitle mortals to the appellation of "the good man," the faithful minister—that make life desirable, elevates man to his proper scale in creation, and enables him to leave to the living an example worthy of our imitation.

That while we submit in meekness and humility to this afflicting dispensation of God's providence, we recommend to those who knew him, to cherish his memory and imitate his virtues, and to his afflicted family we tender our heart-felt sympathy.

That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and printed with the same.

The Canaan Association to those with which she corresponds:

Dear Brethren—The close of the present Associational year brings with it, amongst other things, the pleasant duty of a continuance of correspondence with you.

To our messengers and minutes please refer for any particulars in reference to us as a body.

We are very desirous that nothing should interrupt our christian intercourse with you, and we also crave your prayers that God may speed us in all our benevolent design.